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Indirect Costs—The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100% of the total proposed direct costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

Buy American-Made Equipment or Products—Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the extent feasible, to purchase American-

made equipment and products with funding provided under this program in accordance with Congressional intent as set forth in the resolution contained in Public Law 103-121, Sections 606 (a) and (b).

11.801 Native American Program
(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance)
Dated: March 24, 1995.

Donald L. Powers,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.

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Native American Business Consultant Applications: Nationwide

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.
ACTION: Cancellation.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency is cancelling the announcement to solicit competitive applications to operate its Native American Business Consultant (NABC) Program. This solicitation was originally published in the **Federal Register**, Thursday, January 12, 1995, Vol. 60, No. 8, 2947.

11.801 Native American Program
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Business Development Center Applications: Cleveland, OH

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency.
ACTION: Cancellation.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency is cancelling the announcement to solicit competitive applications under for its Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program to operate the Cleveland, Ohio MBDC. This solicitation was originally published in the **Federal Register**, Monday, October 17, 1994, Vol. 59, No. 199, 52288.

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Business Development Center Applications: Cincinnati

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications from organizations to operate its Cincinnati, Ohio Minority Business Development Center (MBDC).

The purpose of the MBDC Program is to provide business development services to the minority business community to help establish and maintain viable minority businesses. To this end, MBDA funds organizations to identify and coordinate public and private sector resources on behalf of minority individuals and firms; to offer a full range of client services to minority entrepreneurs; and to serve as a conduit of information and assistance regarding minority business. The MBDC will provide service in the Cincinnati Metropolitan Area. The award number of the MBDC will be 05-10-95008-01.

DATES: The closing date for applications is May 1, 1995. Applications must be received in MBDA's Executive Secretariat on or before May 1, 1995. A pre-application conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., on April 11, 1995, at the Chicago Regional Office, 55 East Monroe Street, Suite 1406, Chicago, Illinois 60603.

ADDRESSES: Completed application packages should be submitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, Executive Secretariat, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5073, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT: David Vega at (312) 353-0182.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from September 1, 1995 to September 30, 1996, is estimated at \$198,971. The total Federal amount is \$169,125 and is composed of \$165,000 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$4,125. The application must include a minimum cost share of 15%, \$29,846 in non-federal (cost-sharing) contributions for a total project cost of \$198,971. Cost-sharing contributions may be in the form of cash, client fees, third party in-kind contributions, non-cash applicant contributions or combinations thereof.

The funding instrument for this project will be a cooperative agreement.

If the recommended applicant is the current incumbent organization, the award will be for 12 months. For those applicants who are not incumbent organizations or who are incumbents that have experienced closure due to a break in service, a 30-day start-up period will be added to their first budget period, making it a 13-month award. Competition is open to individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state and local governments, American Indian tribes and educational institutions.

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: the knowledge, background and/or capabilities of the firm and its staff in addressing the needs of the business community in general and, specifically, the special needs of minority businesses, individuals and organizations (45 points), the resources available to the firm in providing business development services (10 points); the firm's approach (techniques and methodologies) to performing the work requirements included in the application (25 points); and the firm's estimated cost for providing such assistance (20 points). An application must receive at least 70% of the points assigned to each evaluation criteria category to be considered programmatically acceptable and responsive. Those applications determined to be acceptable and responsive will then be evaluated by the Director of MBDA. Final award selections shall be based on the number of points received, the demonstrated responsibility of the applicant, and the determination of those most likely to further the purpose of the MBDA program. Negative audit findings and recommendations and unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for award. The applicant with the highest point score will not necessarily receive the award. Periodic reviews culminating in year-to-date evaluations will be conducted to determine if funding for the project should continue. Continued funding will be at the total discretion of MBDA based on such factors as the MBDC's performance, the availability of funds and Agency priorities.

The MBDC shall be required to contribute at least 15% of the total project cost through non-Federal contributions. To assist in this effort, the MBDC may charge client fees for services rendered. Fees may range from \$10 to \$60 per hour based on the gross receipts of the client's business.

Anticipated processing time of this award is 120 days. Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of

Federal Programs," is not applicable to this program. Federal funds for this project include audit funds for non-CPA recipients. In event that a CPA firm wins the competition, the funds allocated for audits are not applicable. Questions concerning the preceding information can be answered by the contact person indicated above, and copies of application kits and applicable regulations can be obtained at the above address. The collection of information requirements for this project have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and assigned OMB control number 0640-0006.

Awards under this program shall be subject to all Federal laws, and Federal and Departmental regulations, policies, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

Pre-Award Costs—Applicants are hereby notified that if they incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that an applicant may have received, there is no obligation on the part of the Department of Commerce to cover pre-award costs.

Outstanding Account Receivable—No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either the delinquent account is paid in full, repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of Commerce are made.

Name Check Policy—All non-profit and for-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

Award Termination—The Departmental Grants Officer may terminate any grant/cooperative agreement in whole or in part at any time before the date of completion whenever it is determined that the award recipient has failed to comply with the conditions of the grant/cooperative agreement. Examples of some of the conditions which can cause termination are failure to meet cost-sharing requirements; unsatisfactory performance of the MBDC work requirements; and reporting inaccurate or inflated claims of client assistance. Such inaccurate or inflated claims may be deemed illegal and punishable by law.

False Statements—A false statement on an application for Federal financial assistance is grounds for denial or termination of funds, and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Primary Applicant Certifications—All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511,

"Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying."

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Technology Administration

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Financial Assistance for Research and Development, U.S.-Israeli Science and Technology Program

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary for Technology of the United States Department of Commerce invites proposals for financial assistance under the U.S.-Israeli Science and Technology Program (the “Program”). The Program will assist U.S.-based industrial firms that have entered into U.S.-Israeli joint ventures (partnerships of United States and Israeli companies) to carry out research and development on long-term, medium- to high-risk technologies. This Program is separate from the existing Bi-national Industrial R&D Foundation (BIRD), which continues to offer support for commercial joint ventures. Inquiries about BIRD assistance should be addressed directly to the BIRD Foundation, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Such projects should focus on research, development and commercialization of technologies that are not appropriately funded by other U.S. or Israeli government-funded research and development efforts. This assistance will take place through the use of cooperative agreements with U.S.-based industrial firms pursuant to this Notice.

Funding will be made directly to the U.S. firms that are partners in the U.S.-Israeli joint ventures. Funding from the U.S. Department of Commerce for the Program is limited to the U.S. partner(s) to a U.S.-Israeli joint venture, with

funding for the Israeli partner(s) to be provided by the Israeli Government. On December 21, 1994, the Technology Administration published a notice in the **Federal Register** to announce this Program (FR 65756), including the availability of funds for a first round of awards. Funding recipients for this first round were announced on February 6, 1995, referenced in more detail below.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before Close of Business May 19, 1995. It is expected that the review and selection process will take approximately thirty (30) days.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to: U.S.-Israel Science and Technology Commission, Room 7068, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lee Bailey, Executive Director, U.S./Israel Science and Technology Commission, telephone number (202) 482–6351.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In March, 1993, President Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin announced their intention to create the U.S.-Israeli Science and Technology Commission (the “Commission”) to promote U.S.-Israeli cooperative science and technology activities that could benefit the two nations’ civilian high technology commercial sectors, and create jobs and economic growth. The Commission was established by an agreement of January 18, 1994 between the U.S. and Israeli governments, and plans to implement certain of its objectives through a U.S. non-profit corporation (hereinafter “USNPC”).

The Commerce Department expects that the USNPC itself will award future financial assistance agreements under the Program, and may also be in a position to award the agreements contemplated by this notice. Should this occur, applicants that have submitted proposals that remain under review will be asked to transfer their proposals to the USNPC, and will receive further information about the requirements that apply to the USNPC’s financial assistance agreements. Applicants should take note that the USNPC’s requirements will differ in certain respects from those announced in this notice, including modification with respect to accounting, reporting, and intellectual property requirements, and the adoption of award recovery policies that would apply in cases where the USNPC-sponsored projects result in commercially successful products. Applicants that enter into agreements with the Commerce Department may also be asked to consent to the Department assigning their agreements

to the USNPC at a later point, and to negotiate any modifications to the agreement that may be necessary to satisfy the USNPC’s financial assistance requirements. For additional information, applicants may contact the Information Contact Person listed above. Funding is intended for projects (1) That will have significant economic benefits for both the United States and Israel and (2) that in general are in the areas of the environment, energy, health, biotechnology, information processing/telecommunications or agriculture, or in the commercialization of defense technologies.

This program announcement has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Authority

The Under Secretary for Technology, pursuant to the authority delegated to her by section 3706 of Title 15 of the U.S. Code, as well as sections 2.02 and 4.03(d) of Department Organization Order 10–17, dated July 14, 1992, is implementing this activity.

Program Description

The Program will assist eligible U.S.-based industrial firms that have entered into U.S.-Israeli joint ventures (partnerships of United States-based and Israeli-based companies) to carry out research and development of long-term, medium- to high-risk technologies that offer significant economic benefits, that are focused on commercialization and that are not appropriately funded by other U.S. and Israeli government-funded research and development efforts. This assistance will take place through the use of cooperative agreements. U.S. Commerce Department assistance is offered to promote the economy of the U.S. via the creation of new technologies and the commercialization of new and existing technologies.

Funding Availability

The implementation and conduct of this Program is contingent upon the availability of all funding anticipated for its operation. The Commerce Department reserves the right to discontinue this Program in the event all funding is not made available or is otherwise not secured. It is anticipated that funds will be available subject to reprogramming notifications to Congress.

The U.S. Government and the Government of Israel are each making available up to \$5 million in the current fiscal year for this Program for qualified projects. The governments of both nations intend to fund this Program at